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             SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )  
             HAVING A HIGH-K )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the captioned patent application. Please cancel claims 1-20 before calculating the filing fee.